

1-1 By: Fletcher (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 3483
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to requirements for a driver education course and the
 1-20 eligibility of persons under 18 years of age to operate a motor
 1-21 vehicle at certain times.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 1001.101, Education Code, as amended by
 1-24 Chapters 1253 (H.B. 339) and 1413 (S.B. 1317), Acts of the 81st
 1-25 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 1001.101. ADULT AND MINOR DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE
 1-28 CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS. (a) The commissioner by rule shall
 1-29 establish or approve the curriculum and designate the textbooks to
 1-30 be used in a driver education course for minors and adults,
 1-31 including a driver education course conducted by a school district,
 1-32 driver education school, or parent or other individual under
 1-33 Section 521.205, Transportation Code.

1-34 (b) A driver education course must require the student to
 1-35 complete:

1-36 (1) 7 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in the
 1-37 presence of a person who holds a driver education instructor
 1-38 license or who meets the requirements imposed under Section
 1-39 521.205, Transportation Code;

1-40 (2) 7 hours of observation instruction in the presence
 1-41 of a person who holds a driver education instructor license or who
 1-42 meets the requirements imposed under Section 521.205,
 1-43 Transportation Code; and

1-44 (3) 30 [~~20~~] hours of behind-the-wheel instruction,
 1-45 including at least 10 hours of instruction that takes place at
 1-46 night, in the presence of an adult who meets the requirements of
 1-47 Section 521.222(d)(2), Transportation Code.

1-48 SECTION 2. Section 545.424(a-1), Transportation Code, is
 1-49 amended to read as follows:

1-50 (a-1) A person under 18 years of age may not operate a motor
 1-51 vehicle [~~during the 12-month period following issuance of an~~
 1-52 ~~original Class A, B, or C driver's license to the person~~]:

1-53 (1) after midnight and before 5 a.m. unless the
 1-54 operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or
 1-55 participate in employment or a school-related activity or because
 1-56 of a medical emergency; or

1-57 (2) with more than one passenger in the vehicle under
 1-58 21 years of age who is not a family member.

1-59 SECTION 3. The change in law made by Section 1001.101(b),
 1-60 Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a driver
 1-61 education course that begins on or after the effective date of this

2-1 Act. A course that begins before the effective date of this Act is
2-2 governed by the law in effect on the date the course began, and that
2-3 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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